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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.	:	10/677,712
Cnfrm. No.	:	9172
Applicant	:	Jason S. Erdie
Filed	:	October 2, 2003
Title	:	Self-Locking End Cap
TC/A.U.	:	3727
Examiner	:	Gary E. Elkins
Docket No.	:	EPT-14902

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

### AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of April 8, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 20050407), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.